



BLESSED ARE  
those who  
believe  
WITHOUT  
seeing

John 20:29





## GATHERING

### Gathering Song: "That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

## **Confession and Forgiveness** *(Congregational responses printed in bold.)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the life beyond all death,  
the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

**Amen.**

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death,  
let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life,

**by the resurrection of your Son  
you make everything new.**

**Newness scares us,**

**and we confess to shutting our doors in fear.**

**We have not listened to voices that challenge us.**

**We have resisted the Holy Spirit  
moving us in new directions.**

**Our hearts are slow to believe your promises.**

**Forgive us, O God,**

**and renew us to embrace without fear**

**the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

People of God:

Christ is alive, and death has lost its power.

Through the waters of baptism

you have been born anew by the living word of God.

Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name

and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you

both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# Hymn of Praise: "Now the Feast and Celebration"

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

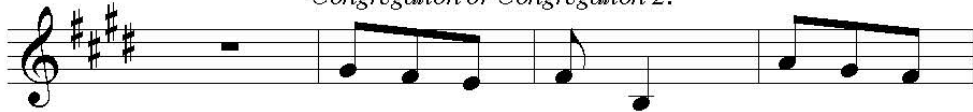
*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God.

*to Refrain*

**Verse 2**

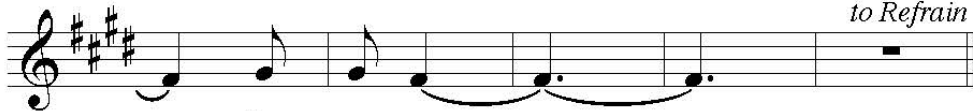
*Congregation or Congregation 2:*



2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



for ev - er.

**Verse 3**

*Congregation:*



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to



make us peo - ple of God; to make



all things new.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God,

**the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>22</sup> "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' <sup>29</sup> "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' <sup>32</sup> "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

### Alleluia Verse

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

## **Holy Gospel**

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

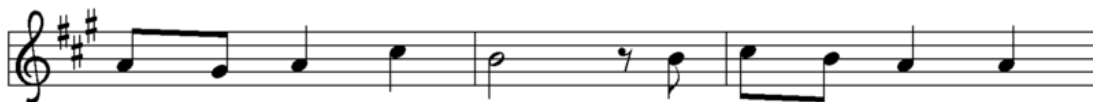
**Sermon**

Song:

“We Walk by Faith”



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

## *A Baptismal Celebration for Cole Robert Sisson*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism.

**The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life.**

We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ.

**We are anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and sent out in mission for the life of the world.**

*Cole, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?*

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*R:/ I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*R:/ I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*R:/ I renounce them.*

Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

*R:/ In faith I turn to Christ.*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*R:/ I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. In the time of Noah you washed the earth with the waters of the flood, and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning. In the time of Moses your people passed through the Red Sea from slavery into freedom. In the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ, nurtured in the waters of Mary's womb, so that through the baptism of his death and resurrection, your children may be set free from bondage to sin and death and sent to proclaim the good news throughout the earth.

**Amen.**

The Candidate is Baptized

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth. Sustain Cole with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

**Amen.**

*The pastor makes sign of the cross on their forehead:*

Cole Robert Sisson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

*As baptismal candle is lit:*

As Lutherans, we consider baptism our initial call to discipleship. As we present these candles we say:

**Let your light so shine that others may see your good works and give glory to God.**

As baptized children of God and disciples of the living Christ, let us proclaim:

**May our lights shine in the world with God's grace!**

Through baptism Cole has been received into the household of God.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

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**MEAL**



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## **Offering/Ministry Opportunities**

### **Prayers of the People**

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

# Celebration of Holy Communion

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Congregation:*



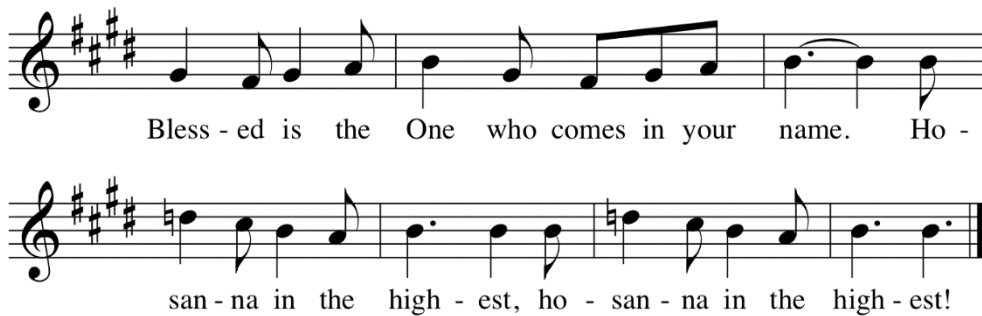
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Mighty God, you made the earth, and it trembles in your presence;  
 you rescued your people from slavery,  
 leading them through deepest waters - from death to life.  
 You sent your Son, Jesus, to us, a prophet mighty in word and deed who taught  
 us to celebrate your salvation in sincerity and truth.  
 Though he was condemned to death and crucified by the religious,  
 you raised him from the dead and wiped the tears from our faces.  
 Risen indeed, he is with us always, breathing peace over our fears and  
 spreading a rich banquet before us - so that in the breaking of bread and  
 your Word proclaimed, our eyes might be open and our hearts set on fire with  
 love.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
 we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
 Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us. Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With all your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### Distribution of Holy Communion



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Communion Hymn: "Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord"**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris-en Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his Name.



1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4. God has pro - claimed his gra - cious gift:
5. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,



He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
Now we shall live for ev - er.  
Life e - ter - nal for all who be - lieve.  
Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

***SENDING***

**Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Prayer after Communion

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new.

**Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## Blessing

### Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God.**

## **April Mission of the Month**

ELCA World Hunger - Lutheran organization that promotes water sanitation, education and training, agriculture, nutrition, income and savings, peace, justice and human rights, advocacy and community organizing to help decrease hunger.

**Black N' Blue Thumb Crew** meets every Tuesday morning from 9-12. This faithful group of men and women care for our building and grounds. Fellowship is a high priority every week. Contact Lane for more info: lanepelletier47@gmail.com

## **Blessing Box Needs**

Pasta/sauce, cereal/oatmeal packets, granola bars, baby supplies, dry infant cereal, tea/coffee, pancake supplies, microwave meals, shampoo.

The **CROP Walk** 2026 is coming on May 3rd. Walkers are needed! Last year our local walkers raised almost \$32,000 to aid people around the world and right here in our area. Save the date – more info to come!

**Help needed** for Coffee Hour. Sign up on the Fellowship Hall or contact Judy Croshaw for more info (518-309-4295)

The **Fellowship Breakfast** scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

Sign up to donate altar flowers in the foyer.

[www.gsglenville.com](http://www.gsglenville.com)



**Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 -8 pm**

**PIZZA WORKS 720 SARATOGA RD. BURNT HILLS**

**Guys are invited to this casual bible event discussion over your favorite beer or soft drink.**



## **Women Word & Wine**

Next meeting:

Pizza Works, Burnt Hills  
April 13th , 6 - 8pm

## **NEW MEMBER** *Orientation*

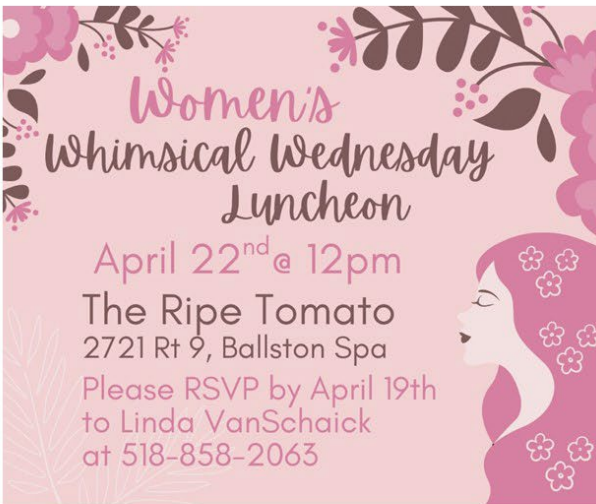
Are you curious about church membership?  
Knowing more about Good Shepherd?  
Plan to join us April 19, 26 and May 3rd  
following Sunday worship at 10:45am  
Contact Pastor Deron with questions or  
to register: [gsglenvillepastor@gmail.com](mailto:gsglenvillepastor@gmail.com)

## **GOOD SHEPHERD** **HIKING**

On Sunday, April 19, we'll meet at the parking lot  
for the Town of Clifton Park's 41 Acre Park  
on Riverview Road at 1PM.


We'll walk about 1.5 miles on wooded trails that are  
mostly flat to take in views of the Mohawk River.

If you'd like to join us,  
text or call Karen Wang at 518-380-3303.



**Women's  
Whimsical Wednesday  
Luncheon**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 12pm**  
**The Ripe Tomato**  
2721 Rt 9, Ballston Spa  
Please RSVP by April 19th  
to Linda VanSchaick  
at 518-858-2063



## **Good Shepherd Book Club**

We are attending author Liz Moore's talk  
on "The God of the Woods"  
on Tues, April 28th from 7-9pm  
at Shenendehowa High School - East

You can sign up at <https://events.cphlibrary.org/event/14610692>

May Discussion: "Life Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer  
Proposed Date: May 12, 2026 at 7 pm

The book can be found online as a pdf at WordPress.com  
Pastor Deron has printed copies.

